

OFFICIAL REPORTS



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STATE MEETINGS

THE International Council of Nurses is planning an informal conference to take place in Paris, in June, 1907. As this meeting will be half way between the regular quinquennial periods no business will be transacted, but papers will be read and discussions held, and mutual acquaintance furthered. All nurses in sympathy with the aims of the Council will be welcome, and it is hoped that many will plan to take their vacation at this time.

LAVINIA L. DOCK,

Secretary.

WASHINGTON.—A meeting was held at Spokane, Wash., November 7, for the purpose of completing the formation of a State Nurses' Association. The usual business was considered and officers elected as follows: Miss Laura Goodman, Spokane, president; Miss May Loomis, Seattle, first vice-president; Miss Hankey, Tacoma, second vice-president; Miss Scharley Wright, Seattle, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Schofield, Spokane, recording secretary; Miss Hubbard, Spokane, treasurer. A committee of nine members, three from Spokane, two from Seattle, two from Tacoma and two from Bellingham is to be appointed by the president to draft a constitution and by-laws. The first annual meeting will be held some time in the spring of 1906, when a bill for State registration will be discussed.

SEATTLE, WASH.—The King County Graduate Nurses' Association held their annual meeting at 3 P. M., November 6, at the Seattle General Hospital. The principal business of the day was the election of officers. Miss May S. Loomis, was re-elected president; Miss Cora Gillispie, re-elected vice-president; Miss Katherine Archibald, secretary; Mrs. Annie Green, re-elected treasurer; Miss Katherine Major chairman board of trustees. Miss Scharley Wright was sent to Spokane as a delegate to a meeting called to perfect a Washington State Association. The matter of starting a Nurses' Club in Seattle was brought up, discussed and left to be worked up during the month. Thus the Association starts its fourth year with higher aims and desires, and we hope, better organized for the work of the future.

DETROIT, MICH.—A special meeting of the Executive Board of the Michigan State Nurses' Association was held at Swain Home, Harper Hospital, Detroit, November 16, for the purpose of arranging a program for the second annual State meeting to be held in Ann Arbor, April 4-5-6, 1906.

Among the many interesting topics under discussion was the bill for state Registration of Nurses and renewed efforts are being made along this line. Twenty-seven members were admitted to the Association, making a total membership of 296.

KATHERINE M. GIFFORD,

Corresponding Secretary.

MASSACHUSETTS.—A public meeting of the Massachusetts State Nurses' Association was held in Dean Hall, Woman's Building, Worcester, Massachusetts, on Thursday, November 16, 1905. It was a large and enthusiastic gathering—the different sections of the State being very well represented—Miss Riddle presided. Prayer was offered by Rev. A. W. Hitchcock. Dr. L. Wheeler gave us a cordial and hearty welcome, to which Miss Riddle responded. Miss Drown, our historian, gave an encouraging report, saying among other things, that registration is a means to an end, and, if we do get registration, we may attain our object in some other way. In answer to the question, "What does registration for nurses mean?" Miss Davis said that whatever doctors, dentists, pharmacists or plumbers mean by registration, we mean; that it will give nurses a legal status and set a standard of excellence and nursing education, and prevent the untrained from palming themselves upon the public as duly qualified graduate nurses. The Hon. Herbert Parker, Attorney General of Massachusetts, gave an address in which he spoke of the importance of the work that is being done by nurses, and of the recognition such service should receive. He heartily favors registration. The Hon. Rockwood Hoar, Congressman, in his address, spoke of the desirability of maintaining a high standard, and of the wrong done when an incompetent nurse goes into a family. He thinks the examining board should consist of doctors as well as nurses, and advises that nurses be required to take an examination every five years in order to keep them up to the standard. In the discussion which followed, Dr. L. Wheeler asked some questions about the training of nurses, which were answered by Miss Riddle and Miss Davis. Dr. Getchell, of the Rutland Sanitarium, spoke of the work of that institution. Mr. Ware, one of the trustees of the Burbank Hospital, Fitchburg, thought the examining board should consist of nurses, and that arbitrary rules were necessary. Dr. Howell, superintendent of the Worcester City Hospital, favored registration and an examining board of nurses, but did not approve of periodical examinations; said they were not required by any other profession. Dr. Lobey, of the Clinton Hospital, spoke very briefly. Dr. Bowers, a member of the state board of registration in medicine, favored registration, but did not think nurses should be required to take two years of their training in hospitals; said we were not to be afraid of the standards in other states, that reciprocity was not an unmixed good. He also said that the state board of registration in medicine is against having doctors on the examining board for nurses. Mr. Denny, a member of the legislature, approved of periodical examinations. Mr. Lytle, a member of the Governor's Council, thought registration a move in the right direction; said section iii. of the bill (requiring two years in hospitals) was all right, the standard should be high. Dr. Thompson, of Fitchburg, a member of the state board of registration in medicine, spoke of the New England Association for the Education of Nurses, and said three-fourths of the members are in favor of registration. After a unanimous vote of thanks had been given to all who had contributed to the success of the meeting Miss E. D. Ayers, chairman of the committee on arrangements, announced that refreshments would be served in an adjoining room, and the meeting was adjourned.

ESTHER DART,

Secretary.

PUEBLO, COL.—The Committee having the drafting of a Constitution and By-laws of an association for this place is ready to report.

NEW JERSEY.—The Fourth Annual Meeting of the N. J. S. N. Asso. was held at the Hasbrouck Institute, Jersey City, on Tuesday, December 5, at 2.30. Very widespread disappointment was felt when the President, Miss Bertha J. Gardner, announced the unavoidable absence of Miss Goodrich, of the New York Hospital, who had promised to address the meeting. As it was too late to fill her place, the business of the day followed in the usual routine. During the summer a canvass had been made of 30 hospitals in New Jersey, with a view to gain information as to the curriculum most usually followed, and a report was read as to the result. An interesting paper was read by Miss Margaret Anderson, Head Worker of the Nurses' Settlement in Orange, on the work of that institution, and on the work of the Anti-Tuberculosis Committee by the nurse in charge, Miss Julia Bronis.

The election of officers was as follows: President, Mrs. d'Arcy Stephens, 475 Main Street, Orange; first vice-president, Miss Mary F. Mason, City Hospital, Newark; second vice-president, Miss Laura McHale, St. James' Hospital, Newark; secretary, Miss Emma Young, 103 Spruce Street, Newark; treasurer, Miss Catharine Neafsy, 22 Thomas Street, Newark. Chairmen of Committees: Ways and Means, Miss Irene Fallon; membership, Miss Isabel Macdonald, 711 E. 18th Street, Paterson; printing, Miss Bertha J. Gardner, 520 Clinton Street, Newark; nomination, Miss Mary G. Rockhill, 536 Stevens Street, Camden.

REGULAR MEETINGS

ORANGE, N. J.—The annual meeting of the Alumnae Association of the Orange Training School for Nurses was held at the Visiting Nurses' Settlement. Nine new names were accepted for membership. A letter was read from Miss Margaret Pierson, the president of the Training School, urging the graduates to use their influence for desirable young women to enter the school for the training, for with the enlargement of the hospital, the opportunities for a more extended training would be greatly increased.

A letter was read from the secretary of the Anti-Tuberculosis movement of the Oranges thanking the Alumnae for their part in the support of the graduate nurse for the work. It was decided that the Alumnae give a Reception and Tea as usual to the graduating class, the time and place to be decided upon by the committee appointed. A committee of two were appointed to ascertain the cost and requirements for the endowment of a bed in the Orange Memorial Hospital for its graduate nurses, and report at the next regular meeting.

The report of the money collected for the support of the Nurse in the Anti-Tubercular work was very pleasing, sufficient for the year's work being pledged.

After the election of officers for the coming year the meeting adjourned and refreshments were served.

HARTFORD, CONN.—The quarterly meeting of the Hartford Hospital Alumnae Training School Association was held at the Nurses' Home, 37 Jefferson Street, December 5th, at three P. M. The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted, and a revision of the constitution and by-laws was read and discussed.